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In re Application of: James Morrow, et al.

Serial No.: 09/746,854 Examiner: Patel, Niketa I.

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING REAL TIME
CONTROL OF PERIPHERAL DEVICES

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of November 16, 2004, and is timely filed with a two-month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. In the present Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27, and 29-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,301,634 to Gomi et al. (hereinafter "Gomi"). Claims 5, 21, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gomi. Claims 1, 12, 19, and 24 have been amended. No claims have been added or deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.